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1. ON MARCH 16, THE FOREIGN OFFICE (DR. DANNENBRING, HEAD OF NATO AFFAIRS) INFORMED US THAT FINAL FRG APPROVAL OF THE US PROPOSAL FOR SHAPE/EUCOM WARTIME COLLOCATION WAS LIKELY TO BE FORTHCOMING IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAD APPROVED THE PROPOSAL AND HAD COMMUNICATED HIS DECISION TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY. ALTHOUGH GENSCHER HAD APPARENTLY NOT ASKED FOR THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY'S VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL ITSELF, HE HAD REQUESTED ITS OPINION ON HOW AND WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LAND OF
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BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THE COLLOCATION PLAN. DANNENBRING SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY WOULD SEND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO GENSCHER'S COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. ALTHOUGH DANNENBRING ASSUMED THAT THE FEDERAL

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CHANCELLERY WOULD NOT CHALLENGE THE SUBSTANCE OF GENSCHER'S DECISION, HE EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY AFTER RECEIPT OF THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY'S RESPONSE TO GENSCHER WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE FOREIGN OFFICE, IN THE NAME OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, TO TAKE A FINAL POSITION ON OUR PROPOSAL.

3. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT FRG APPROVAL OF OUR PROPOSAL SHORTLY.
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